THE

DESERT WHISPERS

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AMATEUR RADIO ASSIST

Amateur radio assisted with communications following a traffic accident in Johnson Valley last Sunday evening. One man was reported injured in the two-car side-swipe accident a mile west of the Chisel Inn.

Stan Coutant, WB6WFI, broke into a QSO between Parker Lester, WB6YLI, of North Hollywood, and David H. Dever, WA6MPJ, of Arcadia, and asked for a relay.

Dever phoned Arcadia police, who teletyped to Victorville Both Sheriffs and California Highway Patrol responded. A Sheriff's deputy was at the scene in 20 minutes, followed by two CHP units.

Arcadia stood by and relayed a further request for an ambulance. Richard Dumond operated his mobile CB rig at the scene to relay information from the officers to Coutant.

A delay to determine jurisdiction before an ambulance was dispatched demonstrates the need for Johnson Valley to obtain the needed information as soon as possible.

WATER FOR JOHNSON VALLEY

Water from Northern California will be available to Johnson Valley eventually. But there must be an established local water system to accept and distribute the water. Local underground supplies will not last forever.

It is up to the property owners to determine how and when the system will be constructed.

Beginning in the May issue of the Desert Whispers, a series of reports on water will be given.

The Mojave Water Agency, with jurisdiction over this area, has been working to establish a water management policy since 1960. A great deal of information is available.

Alex Chernoff, Johnson Valley resident, has been attending MWA meetings in the interests of the Valley. Property owners have contributed to a fund to study the water problem. A detailed study of the local water supply has been prepared by Koebig and Koebig, engineers, architects and planners.

Details on costs, proposed facilities, estimates on population and water use, storage and recharge potential and construction phases are available in the reports. This information will be passed on to you. Your comments, questions and opinions are invited. YOU will make the decisions.

G.I.A. ELECTS

Alex Chernoff was elected to a third term as president of the Grandview Improvement Association at the April meeting.

Officers will be installed at the May 4 meeting in the community building on Larrea Drive.

Mrs. Alex White was reelected as secretary. Mrs. Marion Paden is her assistant.

Al Smith was elected first vice president, and Clarence Estes, second vice president.

Mrs. Stanley Coutant succeeds Mrs. C. E. Goodridge as treasurer, and will be assisted by Mrs. Dan Jarvis.

The number of board members was increased to six, and includes Gus Valentine, Carl Krohn, Dan Jarvis, Charles Breece, and holdover members, Charles Baker and C. E. Goodridge.

Mrs. Jarvis reported a membership of 66.

President Chernoff announced that the restrooms are ready for stucco, and that the facility can be completed for a cost of $300, total, with some funds still needed.

A voluntary contribution of $5 a member was suggested.

Purchase of a water pump from Dalton Co., was approved, on the basis that the Association will patronize local firms whenever materials and costs are reasonably comparable.

It was announced that all action on a rubbish disposal site has been halted by the county, while an alternate location is sought. Neighbors have protested the proposed cut-and-fill dump. W. C. Remy was appointed chairman of the refuse disposal site committee.

Harold Hawley explained his rubbish collection service, in which he services homes once a week on a regular route for $4 a month.

President Chernoff stated that there are delays in establishing Rock Corral Park. He urged members to write their agency representatives and ask for action.

Hour of meeting was changed to 8 p.m. for the summer months, beginning with the May 4 session.

BEGINNING NEXT MONTH IN THE DESERT WHISPERS: "Acres of Bubbling, Fresh Water for Johnson Valley- Do You Want It?"

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS
by Aileen DeVictoria

April began with many visitors to view the wild flowers, a beautiful sight.

During one weekend, Nancy and Dick Dumond entertained 18 guests, including 11 children, and Marie and Sarge Stanley were visited by grandchildren and families, ten in all.

Snakes are coming out of hibernation. Violet and George Dewey, of Timico Acres, met a sidewinder at the back door, their first encounter.

Mary Neary spent Easter week waiting for the flowers to pose for pictures. No luck, so yours truly was elected substitute photog.

Marilyn and Howard Tiggeman spent four days puttering around their hideaway.

The Piners enjoyed three grandchildren for Easter week and daughter Joanie and husband Bill for the weekend.

Burt and Lucille Campbell headed for the hills with a picnic lunch, their first Easter Sunday alone for years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brockner of Anaheim are new neighbors of Jake and Mildred Jacobs.

In Section 11, the Risdons are building; and the Baumgards are now permanent residents. The Baumgards' granddaughter, Jean Peters, entertained with a dancing group at Landers Moose Hall.

Viewing amazing changes in Johnson Valley while on a visit here was Fred Conrad, of Riverside. He surveyed the area for Kaiser Steel 29 years ago.

Deepest sympathy from all to Jim Kirkendall and family. Jim's father passed away April 3 after a lengthy illness.

A certain young lady's horse decided to spook one cold, windy night and kicked the bottom rail out of the corral. Who spent an hour tracking the dark house in the pitch black? Who returned with frozen noses? Mom and Dad, of course. (Initials A and J.)

BEWARE!
by Bea Roush

SUBJECT: One homeless, black dog.
GOOD SAMARITANS: Earle and Bea Roush.
FOUND: Home for dog at LaFon Ranch.
LOST: By the La Fons, one laying hen plus a potential million eggs.
LOST: By the Roushes-two good friends.
LOST: By the dog, a good home.
MORAL: Stay indoors; close all windows and pull shades. Let stray animals adopt some other good Samaritans.

ODE ON A GRECIAN BEER BOTTLE

Eeny, meeny, miney, mo,
Midi, mini, maxi,
Plaid or stripes, print or plain,
I look like Slapsie Maxie.*

--M.C.

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*Sock it to me. Rosenblum.

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Rev. Patrick J. Scanlan, Pastor.

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LANDERS COMMUNITY CHURCH
Off the Old Woman Springs Road at
the Dixie Mine Road in Landers.

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.
Mid-week Hour of Power	Wednesdays 7 p.m.
Ladies Missionary Society	second Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

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VALLEY DOINGS
by Marie Stanley

Lola Barnes spent Easter week at her home away from home in Johnson Valley, with wall to wall children to help her enjoy it. Lola truly loves the desert.

The Grandview Improvement Association will hold a rummage sale in front of the Cornet Store in Yucca Valley, Saturday, May 11.

Sarge Stanley says a big thank you to the many friends and neighbors who helped celebrate his birthday April 20, at Chisel Inn. After 73 years, Sarge has finally reached his 39th birthday. Harold and Ann Hawley furnished the music for entertainment.

About 20 braved the cold, wind and rain to attend the Desert Ears coffee break at the Golden Slipper. A small crowd but big fun.

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PERSONALS

WANTED - Used Easy spin-dry washing machine. Mrs. Marion Paden, Star Route 2, Box 790, Yucca Valley, Cal. 92284.

NOTICE - I have received reports from local residents of interference believed to be caused by my amateur radio station. Should this happen to you, please note the date, time, and type of interference, (i.e., code or voice) and inform me as soon as possible. All hams are required by federal law to maintain an accurate record of each transmission, and mine is open to public inspection. Should my log show operation of my station during the period of your experienced interference, I will take the necessary steps to eliminate the cause.

Stanley O. Coutant
WB6WFI

NON-SHOOTING ZONES PROPOSED

A proposal to divide the county into shooting and no-shooting zones is under consideration by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. An ordinance is to be presented in the board chamber at a hearing on May 7. The regulation is patterned after a newly adopted Riverside County ordinance.

Supervisor Ross Dana said the object is to agree on "some good reasonable controls so that people in the desert can be protected; not to take away the right to bear arms."

EVERYONE WELCOME

Next meeting of the Grandview Improvement Association is scheduled for 8 p.m., May 4, in the association building on Larrea Road. Visitors are always welcome.

Then MOTHER'S DAY NOW

1922 1968

The following poem was written in 1922 by Gustav Valentine for Mothers' Day. Gus is a local resident, civic booster and good neighbor.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Someday my hands will become numb,
The hands that have rocked you to sleep;
Someday, my last day will come
To end my work of doubt and belief.
Comes the day when you must wander
Alone in this world without me,
Among memories of all the others,
My child, will you remember me?

Someday when you try to lift
A heavy burden, like a play it may seem;
Shall not then your memories drift
Back to Mother and your childhood dreams?
When all of your worries and troubles
No longer are lightened by me,
Among memories of all the others,
My child, will you remember me?

My child, from you shall be taken
Your childish belief someday,
And led you will be into temptation
By those that you meet on the way.
Yet remember, my baby and darling,
The voice that rings out clear and true,
For far, far away, I'll be praying,
I'll be praying, my Dear Child, for you.
--Gustav Valentine.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to the benefit breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. on May 12 at the Homestead Association Hall in Landers.

Proceeds will be used by the Desert Ears CB Club in its emergency operations.

SHOUTS AND WHISPERS

A plane made an emergency landing on Valley Vista airstrip in a 75-mile-an-hour wind last Sunday afternoon.

The pilot, J. B. Sorensen, said that in his 20 years of flying an airstrip was never so welcome. Sorensen, of Stone Basin Ranch, Cajon, had as passengers his sons, Jerry and Mark. He says thanks to the people of Johnson Valley who were so willing to assist a stranded flier.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Brooks and sons Hobby and Haner spent Easter week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Babs made their first trip to the desert to visit the Piners, when the spring flowers were at their best. Must have been a great first impression.

The following quotations are from greeting cards expressing the 1968 sentiments for Mothers' Day.

1. "Take it easy on Mothers' Day dear. Don't bother with the dishes. They'll still be there tomorrow."

2. "I drank up your Mothers' Day present and you ought to thank me, because now I have your hangover."

3. "Have a nice day, Mother. Take off your girdle and relax."

4. "Would you like to go out for dinner for Mothers' Day?" (Hands her the car keys.) "And bring me the barbecued ribs."

5. "I would have bought you a Mothers' Day present, like perfume, but it would have been wasted on me."

SOUTH JOHNSON VALLEY NEWS
by Mildred Jacobs

Norman Grant Jr., and friend Mike, made a surprise trip to the Valley to see Norm Sr. They are stationed at Travis Air Force Base.

Visitors to the Jacobs last weekend were Robert and Imogene Douglas, from Buena Park.

Signs that winter is over: Roushes and Draurbaughs gathering firewood at Big Bear.

Morey and Tiny Randall will be missed. They have sold their Johnson Valley home and are moving to Yucca, Ariz.

Another new home going up in the neighborhood.

Elmer and Mildred Jacobs spent a recent weekend in Las Vegas.

Charlie Rope home for a weekend. He underwent surgery two weeks ago in the Long Beach Veterans' Hospital

Richard Fleming of Buena Park was a recent guest of the Jacobses. They all attended the birthday party for Sarge Stanley at the Chisel Inn.

ANY SUGGESTIONS?

Grandview Improvement Association is seeking suggestions for fund raising events that everyone will enjoy. The Association building will soon be available for any type of activity.

Attend a GIA meeting, next one is May 4, or tell President Alex Chernoff what you have in mind.

MORE SHOUTS AND WHISPERS

Members of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Lucerne Valley are preparing for the Annual Festival to be held June 15-16. The men will do the lion's share of the work, including the kitchen service.

Mrs. Ruby Piner, of Johnson Valley, is supreme commander of the Festival arrangements.

Father Scanlan, pastor of St. Paul's, expressed his disappointment at missing Sarge Stanley's surprise birthday party at the Chisel Inn. He was attending the regular monthly church dinner that night.

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SYMPATHY

Friends and neighbors were saddened to hear of the passing of Robert Austin, of Midway City. Mr. Austin had a "home away from home" in Johnson Valley.

Sympathy also to the family of Ray Kirkendall, of Bellgardens, father of Jim Kirkendall. Jim expresses thanks to Johnson Valley friends and neighbors who sent cards and flowers and offered their condolences at his loss.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Election of officers and first aid are the topics of discussion for the next meeting of the Search and Rescue, to be held at 6 p.m. May 11 at the Campbell's.

Topographical maps will be available for a map reading session.

The new rescue unit is assembling equipment. Donations to date include stretcher frames from Joe DeVictoria; stretcher cover from Bob Carter; four air raid sirens, Golda Gunning.

Mrs. Dan Jarvis will make additional stretcher covers.

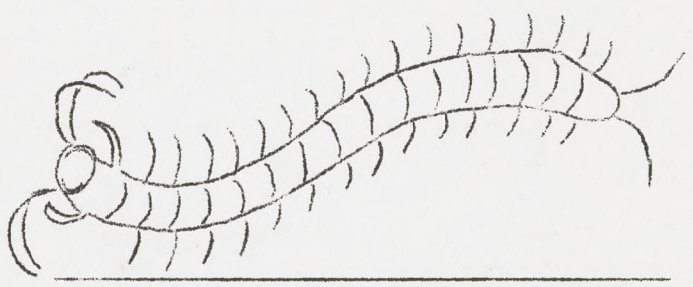
Attending the April meeting at Golda Gunnings were Dan and Eva Jarvis, Burt and Lucille Campbell, Ona and Buz Lamb, L.W. Jones, and the hostess.

GIA EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET

President Alex Chernoff has called a meeting of the executive board of the Grandview Improvement Association for 2 p.m., May 4, at the Association Hall.

Both old and new board members are requested to attend to discuss policy and management of Association affairs.

The new board will be installed at the regular Association meeting at 8 p.m.



SWINGING WITH THE OLD HORNED TOAD

Really been swinging down here under my rock in Johnson Valley this past month. The earthquake set the old rock-to-rolling. Then the wind sandpapered it down to a pebble. The old horned toad barely had the wall-to-wall sand raked smooth, when a virus struck. Have you ever seen a horned toad with the spines pointing in the wrong direction and a head shaped like a top and spinning at 200 RPM?

But the flowers survived it all. Everywhere you look, masses and splashes of yellow.

Many many thanks to Duane Brooks for an electric stapling machine for assembling The Desert Whispers. Several bruised, dented and cramped hands say thank you.

Amateur radio made its contribution to the Valley last week. A message for assistance was transmitted to Victorville via Arcadia, and help was at the scene of a traffic accident in 20 minutes. Maybe it's the age we live in, that everything has to be more complex. From Dumond at the scene, to Coutant, to Dever, to Arcadia police, to Victorville to the Lucerne Valley sheriff's deputy - and the unit was there in 20 minutes? I wonder how many days it took the Mormons to cross this Valley?

For the next few issues of the paper, we will be telling you about water: costs of a local water system, details of a proposed system, projected population figures, legal procedures, the Mojave Water Agency and what it has been doing for you. Your questions are invited.

--M.C.